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Klamath Falls Resource Area Planning Update

Winter 2003

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KLAMATH FALLS RESOURCE AREA PLANNING UPDATE Winter 2003

The primary purpose of this Planning Update is to inform you about the activities on the Klamath Falls Resource Area. It is my desire to keep you informed about issues, activities, and opportunities I think are important to the public. More importantly, I am seeking ideas and comments from those who may be affected by multiple-use management programs here on the resource area.

This planning update is organized to make it easy for you to find projects of most interest. Projects have been arranged into categories (i.e., Recent Decisions, New Projects, On-going Projects, and Environmental Education Activities). In addition, each of these categories is sorted by resource topics (e.g., Lands Program, Timber Sales, etc.). The table will give you a brief description of activities occurring within the Klamath Falls Resource Area and for most projects a location. Refer to one of three maps following the table, for locations of projects.

Additional information can be obtained from the contact listed in the project descriptions. If you have any concerns about the proposed actions, please call the Klamath Falls Resource Area and ask for the "Contact" person listed or the Resource Area Planner as soon as possible. The earlier you get involved, the more capability we have to adjust or change planned actions. Also be alert for news releases and public notices published in the Herald and News as projects reach stages for public involvement. If you want to provide comments to a specific environmental assessment, please send or deliver your written comments addressed to the Field Manager, Klamath Falls Resource Area, by the close of, or postmarked by the last day of the comment period. Your comments and concerns are welcomed, and could influence the final decision on these projects.

I would appreciate any comments or suggestions you may have regarding this planning update or how it could be improved to make it more useful to you.

Thank you for your continued interest in BLM's management of public lands. If you have any questions on this planning update, stop by the office or call (541) 883-6916.

/s/ Jon Raby

Jon Raby, Field Manager Klamath Falls Resource Area

SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED PROJECTS BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT * KLAMATH FALLS RESOURCE AREA * 2795 ANDERSON AVENUE, BLDG. #25 * KLAMATH FALLS, OR 97603 PHONE NUMBER: (541) 883-6916 MAP LOCATION SPECIAL AREAS STATUS OF COMPLETION CONTACT PROJECT TITLE & DESCRIPTION REF.# **AFFECTED ANALYSIS** DATE CX = Categorical Exclusion, DNA = Determination of NEPA Adequacy, EA = Environmental Assessment, EIS = Environmental Impact Statement **New Projects – Watershed** Norcross Vegetation Treatments – Thin ponderosa pine, remove invasive juniper, restore native vegetative communities T39S, R14E, Secs. Map 1 #4 None EA in progress. Fall 2007 Mike Turaski (grass, shrub, pine), and monitor the effects of treatment on 10, 11, 14, 15 vegetative and hydrologic resources. **New Projects – Roads and Facilities** Map 1 Spencer Hookup Contract - Fall 2004 Spencer Creek Culvert Replacement Fish passage EA in progress Andy Hamilton #12 Road crossing Construction -2005. Map 1 #12 CX in progress Spencer Watershed Riparian Fence Reconstruction Spencer Creek Riparian Protection Summer 2004 Andy Hamilton **New Projects – Recreation Topsy Recreation Site Improvements** – Campground water T40S, R7E, Sec. 6 Map 1 #10 None DNA Summer 2004 Fall 2005 Scott Senter system and boat ramp improvements New Projects - Range Management Gerber Watershed Riparian Fencing - Proposed project to Pitch Log Creek, construct livestock exclosure fencing along about 1.1 miles of Long Branch Pitch Log Creek, 1.5 miles of Long Branch Creek, and 1.7 Creek, and Map 1 #1 Riparian protection Fall 2004 DNA Spring 2004 Dana Eckard miles of Antelope Creek. Maintain fences as riparian Antelope Creek exclosures or riparian pastures. Monitor effects of reduced within the Gerber livestock use on vegetation and streambank conditions. Block **New Projects – Timber Management** Jenny Creek EA – Purpose of this EA is to address a variety of forest health and restoration treatments in the Jenny Creek Watershed. Proposed treatments may include; commercial Jenny Creek Jenny Creek Preparing Scoping Fall 2004 None Mike Bechdolt timber sales, non-commercial silvicultural treatments, riparian Watershed Watershed Letters restoration treatments, aspen stand restoration and road restoration projects. South Gerber EA – Purpose of this EA is to address a variety of forest health and restoration treatments in the South Gerber Block area. Proposed treatments may include; commercial South Gerber Preparing Scoping None South Gerber Block Fall 2004 Mike Bechdolt timber sales, non-commercial silvicultural treatments, riparian Block Letter restoration treatments, juniper woodland treatments, aspen stand restoration and road restoration projects.

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DECISION DATE	MAP REF.#	PROJECT TITLE & DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	SPECIAL AREAS AFFECTED	STATUS OF PROJECT	CONTACT		
		Recent De	ecisions – Lands	Program				
12/23/03	Map 1 #21	Section 1 Exploration Quarry Expansion Drilling – Authorization for ODOT to conduct exploratory drilling in and around an existing pit to identify a source for additional mineral material.	T40S, R6E, Sec. 1, N1/2NW1/4	None	Exploration initiated as weather permits.	Rebecca Lange/ Linda Younger		
		Recent Decisions –	Watershed/Veg	etation Treatment				
11/19/03	Map 1 #15	Upper Spencer Creek Road Treatments – Road obliteration, decommissioning, realignment, improvement, and stream crossing removal.	Upper Spencer Creek T38S, R6E Sections 15 and 23	Riparian Reserves DDRBs	Implementation in July 2004	Mike Turaski		
		Recent Decis	ions – Wildlife N	Management				
9/30/03	Map 1 #43	Willow Valley Habitat Enhancement	Willow Valley Reservoir	Warm water fisheries	Implementation pending ODFW involvement.	Scott Snedaker		
Recent Decisions – Fuels Treatment								
7/15/03	Map 1 #3	Boundary Springs Yarding and Removal of Cut Juniper – Purpose of this project is to remove juniper boles in previously treated areas to reduce fuel accumulation and promote commercial use of juniper.	Boundary Springs Area FTZ-104	Fuel treatment, juniper utilization	First 360 acres yarded and material sold to local mill (REACH) that utilizes juniper.	Mike Bechdolt		
8/1/03	None	Ben Hall 1 & 2, Gerber Potholes, Schnipps, and FTZ 95-71 Juniper Yarding - to remove juniper boles in previously treated areas to reduce fuel accumulation and promote commercial use of juniper.	Various	Fuel treatment, juniper utilization	DNA completed. Project on hold.	Mike Bechdolt		

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MAP REF.	PROJECT TITLE & DESCRIPTION			STATUS OF ANALYSIS	COMPLETION DATE	CONTACT				
	Ongoing Planning/Analysis/Implementation - General									
None	RMP Evaluation/Revision - In the final settlement agreement to the American Forest Resource Council vs. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) litigation, the BLM is directed to revise Resource Management Plans (RMPs) in western Oregon by December, 2008. The BLM began the revision process in 2003, evaluating current plans and developing a project preplan. Project status information will be posted on the District website.	Resource Area Wide	All Resources	Evaluation in progress	Formal scoping is expected in the second half of calendar year 2004. RMP Revision – FY 2008	Don Hoffheins				
Map 1 #5	Gerber/Willow Valley Coordinated Resource Management Plan (CRMP) Watershed Analysis. – A local planning team of private landowners, State/Federal land managers, and concerned citizens recommends future project implementation on private land in CRMP area.	Gerber/Willow Valley Watershed	Private Lands	CRMP meetings/discussions are continuing	Completion date open- ended	Don Hoffheins				
Map 1 #28	Upper Klamath River Management Plan DEIS - Develop a management plan in response to Wild and Scenic Rivers Act requirements for river segment approx. 20 miles long encompassing 6,400 acres.	Klamath River - J.C. Boyle Reservoir, Oregon, to Copco One Reservoir, California	Wild and Scenic River designation, Area of Critical Concern, T&E spp.	Draft EIS released 5/16/2003. Comment period closed 8/13/2003.	FEIS December 2004	Larry Frazier				
Map 1 #29	Upper Klamath Basin and Wood River Wetland Resource Management Plan Amendment for the Fourmile Creek portion of this area. The purpose of this project is to amend the Upper Klamath Basin and Wood River Wetland RMP EIS to designate the Fourmile Creek area as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern.	Fourmile Creek Wetland	Riparian Wetland Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC)	ACEC Evaluation submitted to District Manager, October 2000.	Draft EIS to be prepared. Specific schedule and completion date unknown.	Lou Whiteaker				
None	Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Klamath Tribes and BLM for Coordination on Management Issues The proposed MOU identifies a process to coordinate tribal involvement with BLM management actions on public lands.	Lakeview District	Former Tribal Lands	Draft MOU presented to the Tribal Council on 2/22/2000. Waiting for Tribal feedback.	Unknown	Larry Frazier				
None	Late-Successional Reserve (LSR) Assessment. A single LSR Assessment was prepared to assess all 19 Unmapped LSRs designated within the resource area and develop management recommendations for these areas to restore or maintain late successional habitat.	BLM lands west of Highway 97 covered by the Northwest Forest Plan	Unmapped Late Successional Reserves.	Analysis is complete.	Draft submitted to and pending approval from the Regional Ecosystem Office (REO).	Lou Whiteaker				

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	Ongoing Planning/Analysis/Implementation – Vegetation Treatments								
Map 2 #46	Oak Thinning - Thin 100 acres of oak woodland to restore plant communities and reduce potential for stand replacing wildfires and overall fire management costs.	T40S, R6E, Sec.35 T41S,R6E, Sec. 3 and 10 T41S, R5E, Sec. 1	Klamath River Canyon/ ACEC	Analysis in progress.	Analysis completion expected Spring 2004.	Rob Roninger			
None	Noxious Weed Treatments – contain/ reduce noxious weed populations using integrated pest management (manual, mechanical, chemical, and biological control methods). Activities tier to KFRA Integrated Weed Control Plan (IWCP) and EA-OR-014-93-09 approved July 21, 1993.	Weed-infested sites throughout the Klamath Falls Resource Area	None	Document is tiered to the Northwest Area Noxious Weed Control Program EIS, approved December 1985, supplemented in March 1987.	Noxious Weed Treatments occur May - October on a yearly basis.	Lou Whiteaker			
Map 1 #7	Bitterbrush Planting	Various locations	Mule deer winter range.	CX completed. Project in progress.	Treatments occur on a yearly basis.	Greg Reddell			
Map 1 #22	Horton Rim / Windy Ridge Juniper Removal – Juniper treatment for fuel reduction and wildlife habitat improvement	T39S, R11E T39S, R11½ E	None	EA completed	2-3 year implementation began Spring 2003.	Steve Hayner			
None	Gerber/Willow Valley Riparian Conifer Treatments – removing invasive juniper from riparian areas in the Gerber Block	Gerber/ Willow Valley Watersheds	Riparian, critical sucker habitat	DNA completed.	Implementation initiated 2003 - Ongoing	Mike Turaski			
Map 2 #44	Spencer Creek Riparian Thinning – thin 80 acres of juniper/mixed conifer	T38S, R6E, Secs. 21 and 28	Riparian Reserves in Key Watershed	EA completed.	Ongoing – Possible completion in 2004	Mike Turaski			
Map 2 #30	Clover Creek DDRB - 108 acres mechanical treatment.	T.38S, R6E, Sec. 27,34 Off Spencer Hookup Road	Bald Eagles, Survey and Manage species	DNA completed in Spring 2001.	On hold for REO approval of LSRA	Steve Hayner			
	Ongoir	g Planning/Analysis	/Implementatio	on – Lands					
Map 1 #8	Dehlinger Trust - Residential Road ROW and easement.	T40S, R10E, Sec. 9	None	Reciprocal Easement Pending	Winter 2004	Linda Younger			
Map 1 #17	Bruner Land Exchange	South Bryant Mountain	Unknown	On hold	Spring 2005	Linda Younger			
Map 1 #20	Al Bruner Land Sale	T41S, R13E, Sec. 14	Unknown	EA completed/ Decision record pending	Spring 2004	Linda Younger			
Map 1 #9	Nancy Charley Trust Reciprocal Easement and ROW	T38S, R5E, Sec 12-13	Borders Riparian Reserve	CX completed, easement pending	Fall 2004	Linda Younger			
Map 1 #18	Bly Dump Sale (EA No. OR-014-97-01) - Purpose of this project is to sell Bly Transfer Station to Klamath Co.	Southwest of Bly, Oregon.	None Known	Analysis in progress	Winter 2004	Linda Younger			

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None

Multiple Locations

Resource Area Wide

Projects tasked out over

a three year period -

ongoing.

Joe Foran

Second DNA completed.

Mechanical Slash Treatment Project – Mechanical

treatments (shearing, chipping, or grinding) to reduce

fuels and control vegetation on approx. 12,000 acres.

Map 2

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	Ongoing Projects – Prescribed Burning and Fuels Treatment (continued)								
Map 2 #39	Stukel 98-1 Mechanical Treatment - Mechanical piling instead of prescribed burning of approximately 500 acres.	T40S, R10E, Sec. 10, 11, 14, 23, 24	None Known	Project tiers to EA #OR- 014-94-09.	Project ongoing	Joe Foran			
Map 2 #40	Stukel 98-2 Prescribed Burn - Prescribe burn approx. 3,000 acres to: Reintroduce fire to restore plant communities, while reducing the potential for stand-replacement wildfires and overall fire management costs.	T40S, R10E, Sec. 12, 13, 24 T40S, R11E, Sec. 7 & 18	Bald Eagle	Analysis Completed Project tiers to EA #OR- 014-94-09.	Project delayed until the Spring 2004	Joe Foran			
Map 2 #42	Hamaker/Chase Fuels Treatment – Reduce Fuels on 4000 acres south of Hwy 66	T40S, R8E	None	EA completed	Project initiated, 2-3 year implementation	Joe Foran			
Map 2 #38	Stiles Spring Prescribed Burn - Project purpose to burn approximately 1,000 acres to: Reintroduce fire to restore sustainable function and structure to plant communities, while reducing the potential for stand-replacement wildfires, and reducing overall fire management costs.	T378, R10E, Sec. 3-5, 9-11, 14, 15	Wildlife Habitat	Analysis Completed. FONSI - 12-19-99. Decision Record on 01- 25-2000	200 acres treated in FY 2000; Remainder delayed until the Spring 2004	Joe Foran			
Map 2 #63	Stukel 98-7 & 9 Prescribed Burns – Prescribe burn approximately 525 acres to: reintroduce fire to restore plant communities, reduce overall fire management costs and the potential for stand-replacing wildfires.	T40S, R11E, Sec 5 & 6	Bald Eagle	Analysis Completed Project tiers to EA #OR- 014-94-09) approved on 4-29-94.	130 acres completed Remainder Spring 2004	Steve Petrick- Underwood			
Map 2 #64	Stateline/ Holbrook Prescribed Burns – Prescribe burn approximately 4,000 acres to reduce fuel loading and risk of catastrophic wildfire.	T.40S, R15 E., T.41S, R15E.	None	Initiated Winter 2001	Accomplished 1500 acres. Remainder Fall 2004.	Joe Foran			
Map 2 #65 & #19	Big Adobe Prescribed Burn – Prescribe burn approximately 6,700 acres to reduce fuel loading and risk of catastrophic wildfire (includes Wild Midway Rx Burn)	T41S, R15E	Riparian	Initiated Winter 2001	Fall 2004	Joe Foran			
Map 2 #45	Upper Swan Prescribed Burn - Project purpose: burn approximately 98 acres to restore sustainable function and structure to plant communities, reduce potential for stand-replacement wildfires and overall fire management costs.	T37S, R10E, Sec. 24 & 25 T37S, R11.5E, Sec. 31	Bald Eagle	Analysis Completed Planned projects tier to the Programmatic Fire EA (OR-014-94-09).	Project delayed until the Spring 2004.	Joe Foran			
Map 2 #49	Range-Juniper Treatment – Hazardous fuel reduction, using mechanical and prescribed fire methods.	T40S, R12E, Sec. 11	Wildlife forage/ habitat improvement	DNA completed	ongoing 2-3 year implementation	Joe Foran			

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FY 2003 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Participation by Klamath Falls Resource Area Employees and Volunteers

Presentations/Environmental Education Programs/Tours (Fiscal Year to Date)

What Was Presented	Date	Where	Group / Age	# of People
Overview of past and current outreach events; permit sales	10/15/03	Ross Ragland Theater	Answer People/Adults	25 - 30
Wood River Wetland Field Trip	10/28/03	Wood River Wetland	Oregon Institute of Technology Students	
Fun With Fungi	11/2/03	Seven Mile Area	Adults	25
Operation Indian Rocks ARPA Investigation	11/3/03	Central Washington University	Faculty and Students	51
Cultural Resource Management and the NEPA Process	11/3/03	Central Washington University	Graduate Student Seminar	24
Archaeological Investigations in the Great Basin	11/4/03	Central Washington University	Graduate Student Seminar	35
Coloring Books	11/19/03	Shasta Elementary School	Elementary Students	30
Wildlife Management	12/16/03	OIT – "Expanding Horizons"	8 th Grade Students	120
S – 290 Fire Behavior	12/20/03	Klamath Community College	Adults	8

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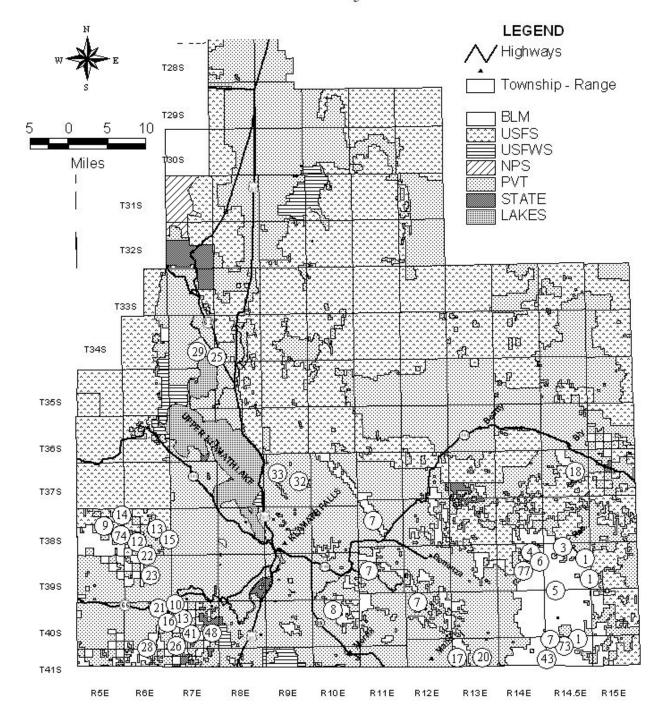
Yearly Scheduled Events

Event/Activity	Date	Location	Contact(s)	# of Participants (Employees/Public*)
Bald Eagle Conference	February 13 - 15	Oregon Institute of Technology	Steve Hayner/ Kelly Hollums	
Klamath Watershed conference	February 24 - 26	Oregon Institute of Technology	Wedge Watkins/Kelly Hollums	
Earth Day	April	Jefferson Square Mall	Greg Reddell	
Wilderness & Horse Packing Clinic**	May	Klamath County Fairgrounds	Tonya Pinckney/Scott Senter	
International Migratory Bird Day	(IMBD)			
IMBD Pre-event Classes	April 24	Klamath Community College	Steve Hayner, et al	
IMBD Educator Workshop	April 16	OSU-Klamath Co. Extension	Steve Hayner, et al	
IMBD Event	May 8	Veteran's Park	Steve Hayner	
National Free Fishing Day	June	To Be Announced	Scott Snedaker	
RAP Camp	June	Camp Esther Applegate	To Be Announced	
Klamath County Fair	August	Klamath County Fairgrounds	Pinckney/Senter	
Sixth Grade Forestry Tour	September	Clover Creek Educational Area	Bill Johnson	
National Public Lands Day	September	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	
Oregon Archeology Celebration	September	To Be Announced	Michelle Durant	

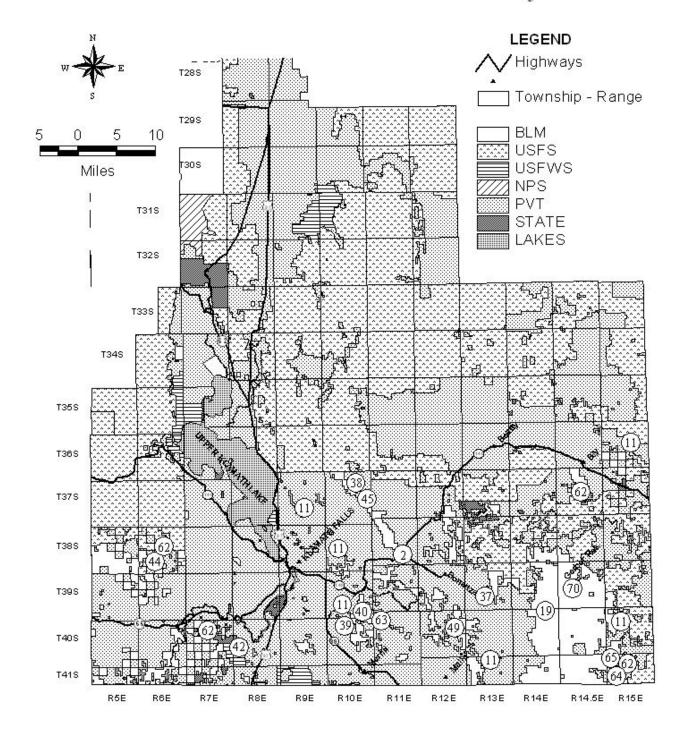
^{*}Numbers of public participants for large events are estimated.

**BOLD WRITING indicates that project is funded with District Outreach dollars.

MAP 1 Klamath Falls Resource Area Winter 2003 Planning Update Miscellaneous Project Locations



MAP 2
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Prescribed Fire and Fuels Treatment Projects



MAP 3 Klamath Falls Resource Area Winter 2003 Planning Update Grazing Project Locations

